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SUBJ: W/W REPPAS

REF: TANANARIVE 1543

1. TRIAL OF REPPAS AND CODEFENDANTS BACOPOULOS AND PIGNY CONTINUED ALL DAY SUNDAY, NOV 11, AND IS ENTERING FOURTH DAY NOV 12. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DEVOTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO REPPAS TESTIMONY. MONDAY MORNING SESSION SO FAR DEVOTED TO PIVETEAU TESTIMONY. TRIAL CONTINUES TO RECEIVE WIDE PRESS COVERAGE.

2. REPPAS INFORMED CONSULAR OFFICER MID-MORNING NOV 12 THAT HE AND BACOPOULOS HAD NOT BEEN ALLOWED TAKE MEALS SINCE EVENING NOV 9. REASON WAS APPARENTLY THAT TRIAL SESSIONS STARTED BEFORE AND LASTED WELL BEYOND PRISON MEAL-HOURS. REPORTED THAT PROCUREUR HAD REFUSED PERMISSION FOR DETAINEES TO EAT IN RESTAURANT UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE. DCM IMMEDIATELY CALLED DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS AT MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH REQUEST HE VERIFY THIS INFORMATION AND TAKE STEPS RECTIFY SITUATION IF REPORT TRUE. LATTER EXPLAINED HE UNDERSTOOD PERFECTLY SERIOUSNESS OF CLAIM AND PROMISED TO TAKE UP MATTER WITHOUT DELAY.

3. EARLY AFTERNOON DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR (IN ABSENCE DCM WHO ATTENDING RAPPAS TRIAL) TO STATE
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THAT HE HAD CALLED MINISTER JUSTICE PERSONALLY ON FOOD PROBLEM.

LATTER SAID HE WOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.
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